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Early in September, a year ago E. H. Owen, H. F. Sturtevant and C. R. Martin met to discuss possibilities of a co-operative effort among those interested in Genealogical Research. Each of them agreed to contact several persons and brief notices were inserted in the newspapers of a proposed meeting in Detroit Public Library. At this initial meeting Sept. 12, 1936 thirty three were present. Officers were elected, scope of proposed society discussed, an excellent Committee appointed to draw up constitution and adjournment made to Sept. 26th for completing organization.

During the year, good progress has been made and we are grateful to the Burton Staff for their full co-operation and assistance from their experience. The ground work has been laid for a useful growth and the Society should profit from this initial year of experimentation and period of becoming acquainted with the talents and interests of other members. Interesting friendships have been formed, helpful programs have been presented, valuable research work has been started, and many cousinships discovered. We should spend the time to become better acquainted with our fellow members as our Society is a group of very capable and interesting individuals. The present active membership is one hundred fifteen.

The Research Committee reports that the Wetherell Family Chart is completed and progress is being made on the Macomb County records.

President Hill offers his full assistance to anyone interested in Hill family. He will gladly make appointment at his home for the use of his ten thousand cards of data on members of the Hill family. Through correspondence and his own work in Burton Collection he has developed these cards completely cross indexed.

Mr. R. N. Flint has early records of Suffield Conn. and offers their use to members at his home 1136 Hudson Ave. Phone TR 2-4965.

The Society of Descendants of Redford Pioneers was organized in 1929 and was incorporated Aug. 6, 1937. Mrs. Frank E. Morris Clizbe, one of our members, was elected President. The objects of this Society are Endowing Redford Cemetery, collecting and preserving Historic Documents, pictures, relics and other pioneer material of the early families of Redford. Redford Cemetery is located on Telegraph Road between Penkell and Six mile Road and is about 112 years old the first burial being made in 1825. Several soldiers of various wars are buried there. This Society has 200 members and is supported by gifts with no dues.

Miss Mabel Louise Keech has been fortunate in obtaining possession of the library of the late ~~Robert~~ John Tannahill Landis.

Many of our members are active in other organizations with similar objects to those of our Society and the Editors believe that it would be well that we call attention to some of these activities in order that we may become better acquainted with each other.

The Michigan Daughters of American Revolution have elected two of our members to important offices Mrs Osmond D. Heavenrich is now State Vice Regent and Mrs. Dwight T. Randall is the new State ~~Regent~~. Registrar

Mrs. Wm. F Carter is the new chairman of the Genealogy Committee of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the D A R and has as her assistant on this valuable committee the retiring chairman Mrs C G Franklin

Our Mr Elijah H Owen was elected Genealogist of the recently formed "Association of Descendants of John Owen of Windsor, Connecticut." We congratulate him and all that have any Owen family lines should contact him as he will be in position to assist those interested in Owen family.

Another family association that has been formed in the past year is "The Knapp Family Association". Mrs Wm. F Carter is one of the Vice Presidents and desires to contact anyone that has any Knapp lineage The objects of this Association and the suggestion of the Genealogist are so well prepared and would make models for similar Associations, that the Editors consider it wise to include them in our bulletin.

The Knapp Family Association.

-- OBJECTS --

" To honor and perpetuate the memory of our immigrant ancestors Nicholas Knapp, Aaron Knapp, William Knapp and Roger Knapp: to collect and preserve all information possible concerning them and their descendants: to mark historic spots when practicable: to classify and file all available records, separating the various individual lines into their proper family groups; to aid the family association genealogist with all records and in other ways helpful in compiling and publishing the 'KNAPP GENEALOGY' ; to promote and encourage mutual friendships and sociability among all members "

A TIMELY SUGGESTION.

" The most important object of this Association should be ' the preservation and publication of Knapp family genealogical records ' For over 54 years your genealogist has been collecting data with reference to 'Knapp Families' the result of which is a card index of over 16,000 families. To the time of the American Revolution this genealogy is fairly complete. This part should be printed as the first of several volumes. Will you help by becoming a member?" Ezra Fred Knapp
Genealogist.

Here are the comments of one member in regard to family records

"It has always been my contention that family records are not personal belongings. It is rather difficult to accept such a view point for our very lives have been built upon the proposition of acquiring something and holding to it with all our might. In the preparation of our family records we have expended an unlimited amount of time and some money and it is natural that we should look upon these records as our own, personal property. But if we look at these records closely we will find that every one of them came from some source or other The records always existed, we did not make them. Many people co-operated gladly, if some times rather tardily, in supplying bits of history and genealogical data. Other bits of data were found in books or records which

others had already compiled with much painstaking care and time. I will admit it was through our efforts that these parts were brought together into a comprehensive whole, but the fact of absolute ownership is not established because of that action. Those original records belong to the family as a whole and no matter how we have collected and arranged them they are still a family possession." H. F. Sturtevant.

Current Queries.

43 KNAPP-BASSETT-ODELL - Elizabeth Knapp b. Aug. 6, 1817. Dau. of Ebenezer & Polly (Hill) Knapp Jr. M. Aaron Bassett (marriage date desired) Both living in Springwater Livingston Co., N. Y. Jan. 18-1849. Were living in Allegan Co. Michigan 1870. Elizabeth (Knapp) Bassett M 2nd --- Odell ch. John & Hiram Odell Information Bassett & Odell wanted by C-1.

44.1 BOYLES - D-3 wants Ancestors of William Boyles b. 1795 Ireland. d. 1812 Green Co. Pa.

44.2 HAWTHORN - D-3 wants more data on Boyles & Hawthorn. James b. 1797 Orange Co. N. Y. m. Mary Boyles.

45 CLOUGH, Merrill - M 5 wants parents of Elizabeth Clough 1726-1789. She m 4-20-1744, in Salisbury, Mass., Dea. Daniel Merrill who settled in New Gloucester.

46.1 PERKINS-WILLIAMS. P-7 desires parentage of Dorcus Williams who m. Wm. Perkins, 11 Febr. 1762 at Canterbury, Conn.

46.2 PERKINS-Fuller. P-7 desires parentage of Mary Fuller who m. Jacob Perkins, III, 19 Mar. 1740 at Ipswich, Mass. She was b. about 1720.

46.3 MORGAN-Hill. P-7 desires parentage of Marjory Hill who m. James Morgan, 6 Aug. 1640 at Roxbury, Mass. He was son of Wm. and father of Lt. Joseph Morgan.

46.4 STEVENS-Woods. P-7 desires information on Jacob Stevens, husb. of Eunice Woods. Residence at Windham Ver. and Henrietta, N. Y., about 1790-1795.

46.5 WOODS-Wheeler. P-7 wishes to know who Tabitha Wheeler was who m. Samuel Woods, 22 Sept. 1747 at Westford, Mass., mother of Eunice Woods b. at Keene, N.H. 1762.

46.6 MADDOCK-Payn. P-7 desires parentage of Mary Payn, w. of John Maddock who was a s. of John Maddock and Ruth Church, d. of Caleb Church. Prob. lived at Watertown, Mass.

46.7 MATHER -------. P-7 wishes to know who Samuel Mather m. in Lyme, Conn., 1 Jan. 1712. Was she Deborah Wade or Deborah Champion?

46.8 BARNES-Smith. P-7 desires parentage of Mary Smith who m. William Barnes, who d. at E. Haddam, Conn. 18 Febr. 17-15-6.

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46.9 LEONARD-Healy. P-7 wishes to know if John Leonard m. Sarah Healy or Heald, 4 Sept. 1640 at Springfield, Mass.

46.10 CORNELIUS WOOD. P-7 desires information on ancestry of Cornelius Wood who m. Sarah McCamley, d. of David, and resided at Newburgh, N. Y. Will exec. at Kingston, N. Y. about 1798.

46.11 DONALDSON-McHarg. P-7 desires information on Betsey McHarg w. of ----Donaldson parents of Grazil Ann Donaldson, who d. at Kingston, Canada 3 Nov. 1832. She was w. of Harvey Wood, b. in Newburgh, N. Y. after 1790, although he may have been b. in Canada. Son of Capt. John Wood who operated a boat on the Great Lakes presumably headquartered at Kingston or Toronto. The Donaldson men operated boats on the St. Lawrence.

47 DOANE-Dunbar. S-4 desires parentage of Polly (Mary) Doane b. Providence R. I.? Aug. 11, 1780. m. David Dunbar and settled at Hamilton, N. Y. 1797. There is a tradition that Polly's father, given name unknown, a Captain in the Revolutionary War was a school teacher who first taught school in Providence, R. I., and then removed to No. Carolina where he started a private school. After a short residence in N. C., the family contracted the yellow fever, The step mother died followed by deaths of Polly's brothers and sisters. The father survived and soon sent Polly to live with her grand parents in R. I. He remained in N. C. and never after communicated with his family. These events took place probably about 1786-1792. Has anyone R. I. or N. C. records of Doanes of this period? Would the D. A. R. records of N. C. reveal a Capt. Doane with service in the New England Army?

Current Answers

44.1 BOYLES - D-3 See Boston Transcript Jan. 7, 1932 #2332-2 Boyles-Witherow from C-1's file Boyles.

10 F-4 See Flint file of C-1.

36 BREWSTER-Ludlow R-2 The American Genealogist - an article in issue of Oct. 1936 pp. 113-114 present new data pertaining to Francis & Nathaniel Brewster - M 7 answered.